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**LETTER IN RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION MAILED 07/18/2006**

Sir:

Pursuant to the Final action mailed on July 20, 2006, the applicants are submitting herewith the fee for an extension of time of one month to maintain the pendency of this application.

Applicants are filing under separate cover a continuation application. They do not propose to file a further response on this application

Respectfully submitted,

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